UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.1/49/L.49
14 November 1994

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-ninth session
FIRST COMMITTEE
Agenda item 73

RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK AND REFORM OF THE AGENDA OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Austria, Ecuador, Japan and South Africa: draft resolution

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 47/54 G of 8 April 1993 and 48/87 of 16 December 1993,

Recalling its decision 1/ of 14 September 1994,

Desiring to enhance the effectiveness of its First Committee to fulfil its role and responsibility in the sphere of disarmament and international security,

Stressing the need to organize the work of the First Committee in the most rational and effective way possible,

Recognizing the need to allow adequate time during the annual sessions of the First Committee to conduct intensive and focused consultations on the items under consideration in the First Committee,

Encouraged by the thematic approach adopted by the First Committee during the second phase of the work of its forty-ninth session,

1. Decides to adopt for the proceedings of the First Committee and pursuant to the thematic approach set out in paragraph 2 of General Assembly

---

1/ See A/48/688/Add.1, para. 7.

resolution 48/87 a phased approach with respect to the items on the agenda of the Committee:

(a) General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items;

(b) Informal thematic discussion of specific items under consideration in the First Committee;

(c) Consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items;

(d) Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items;

(e) General debate, consideration of and action on draft resolutions submitted under the item "Question of Antarctica";

2. Decides also that the number of meetings during the regular session of the First Committee shall be recommended by the members of the Bureau of the First Committee after consultations with delegations and the Secretariat;

3. Requests the incoming Chairman of the First Committee to continue consultations on the further rationalization of the work and effective functioning of the Committee;

4. Urges the Secretary-General to provide, taking into account existing resource constraints, the appropriate means, additional conference space and resources to permit the implementation of the work programme for the fiftieth session of the First Committee;

5. Decides to review the question of further rationalization and improvement of the work of the First Committee at its fiftieth session.

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.1/49/L.50
16 November 1994

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-ninth session
FIRST COMMITTEE
Agenda item 72

FINAL TEXT OF A TREATY ON AN AFRICAN NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE

Establishment of an African nuclear-weapon-free zone

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.2/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 9 of draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.2/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU), to take appropriate action to enable the Group of Experts designated by the United Nations in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity to meet jointly with the Intergovernmental Group of Experts of the Organization of African Unity early in 1995 at Pretoria, in order to finalize the drafting of a treaty on a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Africa, and to submit the text of the treaty to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session under the item entitled "Final text of a treaty on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone".

B. Relationship of the request to the approved programme of work

2. The above request is related to major programme I, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 7, Disarmament, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ and subsection 3B Department of Political Affairs I, of section 3, Political Affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. 2/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would organize a five-day session early in 1995 at Pretoria, for the group of 17 experts. It may be recalled that, in endorsing recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, 3/ the General Assembly, in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, reaffirmed the existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters. In the present case, the meeting should normally be convened at Addis Ababa, as the regional headquarters of the United Nations; therefore, an exception to this principle would be required in respect of the meeting to be convened at Pretoria.

4. It is the understanding of the Secretary-General that the Office of Conference and Support Services would not be requested to provide conference services directly, but that the regular budget of the United Nations would bear all costs related to the convening of the session, namely, conference servicing, travel and daily subsistence for the experts and appropriate substantive support services to the Group of Experts.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1994-1995

5. The submission of the report to the General Assembly called for by the draft resolution would fall under activity 2 (a), "Parliamentary documentation", of subprogramme 1 of subsection 3B, programme of work "Disarmament", of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Accordingly, no modifications would be required to that activity. Modification with regard to the substantive servicing of the Group of Experts would however be required, as reflected in the Secretary-General's statement of programme budget implications (A/C.1/48/L.53), and should be cited under activity 2 (b) "Substantive services", of subprogramme 1 of subsection 3B, programme of work - Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, as follows:

"(v) Group of Experts designated in 1991 by the United Nations in cooperation with OAU within the framework of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/56 A (two sessions in 1994)."

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. The requirements arising from the activities described in paragraphs 3 and 4 above are estimated at full cost as follows.

Meeting at Pretoria, South Africa (five days, 1995)

		$
(a)	Conference-servicing costs	
	(i) Rental of conference room	7 000
	(ii) Interpretation (E,F)	7 400
	(iii) Rental of office equipment	3 500
	(iv) Translation (A,E,F)	3 300
	(v) Supplies and materials	6 000
	Subtotal (a)	27 200
(b)	Non-conference-servicing costs	
	(i) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 17 experts	60 000
	(ii) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 2 staff members (1 Professional and 1 General Service) from the Centre for Disarmament Affairs	13 100
	(iii) Consultant services (3 work-months at P-3 level)	12 000
	Subtotal (b)	85 100
	Grand total (a) and (b)	112 300

F. Potential for absorption

7. The Centre for Disarmament Affairs of the Department of Political Affairs would absorb the requirements enumerated in paragraph 6 above for travel and daily subsistence allowance for 17 experts ($60,000), consultant services ($12,000), travel and daily subsistence of staff ($13,100) and conference-servicing costs ($27,200), within resources available to it for those items, to provide the necessary services to the meetings. No additional appropriation would therefore be required.

C. Indication of additional requirements

8. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.2/Rev.1, no additional requirements would arise under subsection 3B of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. An exception to its principle of holding United Nations meetings at established headquarters would, however, need to be granted by the General Assembly in respect of the meeting to be convened at Pretoria.

Notes

1/ Official records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

2/ Ibid., Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/48/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

3/ Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.1/49/L.51
16 November 1994

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-ninth session
FIRST COMMITTEE
Agenda items 57 and 64 (b)

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION: REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

COMPREHENSIVE TEST-BAN TREATY

Report of the Conference on Disarmament

Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1 and A/C.1/49/L.22/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolutions

1. Report of the Conference on Disarmament (A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1)

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3, 4, 6 and 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

(a) Urge the Conference on Disarmament to continue as a priority task its negotiations to conclude a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty;

(b) Note the recommendation of the Conference on Disarmament that the balance of its future work be considered more fully by the Conference before it decides which ad hoc committees, besides the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban, should be established in 1995;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the provision, to the Conference on Disarmament, of adequate administrative, substantive and conference support services;

(d) Request the Conference on Disarmament to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

2. Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty (A/C.1/49/L.22/Rev.1)

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 3, and 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.22, the General Assembly would:

(a) Call upon participants in the Conference on Disarmament to advance work on the basis of the rolling text during the inter-sessional negotiating period with a view to making substantial progress;

(b) Call also upon the Conference on Disarmament, upon the re-establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban at the commencement of its 1995 session and renewal of its mandate, to proceed to a new phase of negotiation;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to ensure the provision to the Conference on Disarmament of adequate administrative, substantive and conference support services for these negotiations.

B. Relationship of the requests to the proposed programme of work

3. The above requests are related to major programme 1, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 7, Disarmament, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ and programme of activity 3, Disarmament, of subsection 3B, Department of Political Affairs I, of section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium for 1994-1995. 2/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1 and A/C.1/49/L.22/Rev.1, the Secretary-General would endeavour to provide the required administrative support to the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban, which is expected to be re-established by the Conference on Disarmament at the commencement of its 1995 session, and to the negotiation of a universal and internationally and effectively verifiable comprehensive test-ban treaty. It may be recalled that the General Assembly appropriated $184,000 under section 3B of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 to render additional support to the Conference on Disarmament. It is estimated that a provision would be required, for the Geneva Branch of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs in 1995, of additional general temporary assistance funds to cover the services of one P-3 ($93,500) and one General Service (Other level) ($67,500) staff for a period of 10 work-months each. With respect to conference services, the sessions of

the Conference on Disarmament are part of the 1995 calendar of United Nations meetings and conferences. For 1995 it is planned, in addition to the usual requirements for conference services of its annual session, to convene seven weekly meetings for the inter-sessional work of the Conference on Disarmament, tentatively scheduled for the periods 15 to 26 May, 10 to 28 July and 20 November to 15 December 1995, to allow for the continuation of the negotiations on the nuclear-test-ban Treaty in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban. The Conference on Disarmament would therefore be provided with adequate conference services for the inter-sessional meetings on negotiations on the nuclear-test-ban treaty in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban, including documentation and interpretation in all six official languages.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work for 1994-1995

5. The activities called for by the draft resolutions fall under paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of subprogramme 1 of subsection 3B, Department of Political Affairs I, of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Accordingly, no modifications would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. The implementation of the requests contained in operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1 and operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.22/Rev.1 would require a total additional provision of $161,000 for general temporary assistance under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, as follows:

	Thousands of United States dollars
Salary and common staff costs of 1 P-3 staff for 10 work-months in 1995	93.5
Salary and common staff costs of 1 General Service (Other level) staff for 10 work-months in 1995	67.5
Total	161.0

7. It is envisaged that the inter-sessional meetings of the Conference on Disarmament would require interpretation and translation services in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish and these meetings would be included in the calendar of meetings and conferences in 1995.

F. Potential for absorption

8. It is assumed that the conference-servicing requirements for these meetings would be met from within resources programmed under subsection 25E, Office of

Conference Services, of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Accordingly, no additional requirements for conference services would arise.

9. As indicated above, by its resolution 48/231 A of 23 December 1993, the General Assembly approved an additional appropriation of $184,000 under section 3B for the servicing of the Conference on Disarmament in 1994, on the basis of the requests contained in its resolutions 48/70 and 48/77 of 16 December 1993. The resources made available have not been fully utilized, as some staff requirements were met through the temporary use of a vacant post to accommodate the Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament/Chief, Geneva Branch, Centre for Disarmament Affairs. An estimated saving in the amount of $105,500 has therefore been realized and would be available to offset the total estimated cost of $161,000. It is also anticipated that the additional net requirements of $55,500 could be met from resources available under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

G. Summary

10. On the basis of the information provided above, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1 and A/C.1/49/L.22/Rev.1, it is anticipated that net additional requirements of $55,500 for general temporary assistance for the servicing of the Conference on Disarmament in 1995 would be met from resources available under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1), vol. 1.

2/ Ibid., Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/48/6/Rev.1).